DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) to address bacteria impairments in the Carter Run and Great Run watersheds. The subject stream segments are identified in the 2004 Virginia Water Quality Assessment 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report as impaired due to exceedances of the State's water quality criteria for bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) list.

The Carter Run stream segment is located in Fauquier County. It is 3.55 miles in length and begins at the confluence of South Run to Carter Run, approximately 1.0 rivermile upstream of Cliff Mills Road, and continues downstream to its confluence with the Rappahannock River just west of Jeffersonton Road.

The Great Run stream segment is located in Fauquier County. It is 15.69 miles in length and begins at the headwaters of Great Run and continues downstream to its confluence with the Rappahannock River just south of Foxville Road.

The final public meeting to address the bacteria impairments on both stream segments will be held on **Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Warrenton Community Center, 430 East Shirley Ave., Warrenton, Virginia.

The public comment period on this final phase of TMDL development will begin on November 16, 2004, and end on December 16, 2004. A fact sheet on the development of the TMDLs for the bacteria impairments in the Great Run and Carter Run watersheds is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Bryant Thomas. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Bryant Thomas, Department of Environmental Quality, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia, 22193, telephone (703) 583-3843, Fax (703) 583-3841, or e-mail bhthomas@deq.virginia.gov.